

**LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**

For the Examiner's convenience, a complete listing of the claims currently pending in this reissue application is presented below. Bracketing and underlining is used to show the differences between the currently pending reissue claims and claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent 5,926,116. It is noted, however, that only new claims 7-10 are amended herein to correct minor typographical errors, as discussed in the remarks section of this amendment, new claims 11-16 were previously canceled.

1. (Previously amended) An information retrieval apparatus for retrieving information from a remote data base [which contains registration data including position data, image data and designation information for retrieval of additional information], said remote data base comprising image information for a plurality of images, and at least corresponding location data, comprising:

[image means for obtaining an image;]

location detection means for detecting a current position location of said information retrieval apparatus; [and]

imaging means for obtaining an image at the current position location of the information retrieval apparatus; and

[selection] means [for selecting image data from said data base which corresponds to the image obtained by said imaging means, said image data having position data representing positions in the vicinity of the current position location detected by said location detection means, and said designation information corresponding to said image data for retrieving said additional information] for

determining a limited portion of the remote data base based on the current position location of the information retrieval apparatus and for searching the limited portion of the remote data base to acquire image information corresponding to a number of images based on the obtained image from the imaging means.

2. (Previously amended) [An] The information retrieval apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising reception means for receiving the image information [data and the designation information] and at least the corresponding location data via a computer network.

3. (Previously amended) [An] The information retrieval apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said reception means has a portable telephone function and is connected to said computer network via a telephone line.

4. (Previously amended) [An] The information retrieval apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the [designation information] corresponding location data is a URL for specifying information stored in a server of a world wide web build up on the Internet.

5. (Previously amended) An information retrieval method for retrieving information by an information retrieval apparatus from a remote data base [which contains registration data including position data, image data and designation information for retrieval of additional information], said remote data base comprising

image information for a plurality of images, and at least corresponding location data,  
comprising the steps of:

[obtaining an image;]

detecting the current position location of the information retrieval apparatus; [and]

obtaining an image at the current position location of the information retrieval  
apparatus; and

[selecting image data from said data base which corresponds to the image  
obtained, said image data having position data representing positions in the vicinity of  
the detected current position location of the information retrieval apparatus, and  
designation information corresponding to said image data for retrieving said additional  
information] determining a limited portion of the remote data base based on the current  
position location of the information retrieval apparatus and searching the limited portion  
of the remote data base to acquire image information corresponding to a number of  
images based on the obtained image.

6. (Previously added as new) An information retrieval apparatus for retrieving  
information from a remote data base, said remote data base comprising image  
information for a plurality of images, and at least corresponding location data,  
comprising:

location detection means for detecting a current position location of said  
information retrieval apparatus;

imaging means for obtaining an image at the current position location of the  
information retrieval apparatus;

transmitting means for transmitting said detected current position location to the remote data base;

means for determining a limited portion of the remote data base based on the current position location of the information retrieval apparatus and for searching the limited portion of the remote data base to acquire image information corresponding to a number of images based on the obtained image from the imaging means;

first receiving means for receiving designation information for retrieving additional information corresponding to said obtained image;

checking means for checking whether user's manual operation is needed to acquire said additional information corresponding to said designation information;

second receiving means for receiving additional information based on the designation information; and

displaying means for displaying said additional information.

7. (Once amended) An information retrieval apparatus for retrieving information from a remote data base, said remote data base comprising image information for a plurality of images, and at least corresponding location data, comprising:

location detection means for detecting a current position location of said information retrieval apparatus;

imaging means for obtaining an image at the current position location of the information retrieval apparatus;

transmitting means for transmitting said detected current position location to the remote data base;

means for determining a limited portion of the remote data base based on the current position location of the information retrieval apparatus and for searching the limited portion of the remote data base to acquire image information corresponding to a number of images based on the obtained image from the imaging means;

reception means for receiving said acquired image information; and

checking means for checking a match between said received image and said obtained image.

8. (Twice amended) An information retrieval apparatus for retrieving information from a remote data base, said remote data base comprising image information for a plurality of images, and at least corresponding location data, comprising:

location detection means for detecting a current position location of said information retrieval apparatus;

imaging means for obtaining an image at the current position location of the information retrieval apparatus;

transmitting means for transmitting said detected current position location to the remote data base;

means for determining a limited portion of the remote data base based on the current position location of the information retrieval apparatus and searching the limited portion of the remote data base to acquire image information corresponding to a number of images based on the obtained image from the imaging means;

reception means for receiving said acquired image information; and

displaying means for displaying said received image.

9. (Twice amended) An information retrieval method for retrieving information by an information retrieval apparatus from a remote data base, said remote data base comprising image information for a plurality of images, and at least corresponding location data, comprising the steps of:

detecting a current position location of said information retrieval apparatus;  
obtaining an image at the current position location of the information retrieval apparatus;  
transmitting said detected current position location to the remote data base;  
determining a limited portion of the remote data base based on the current position location of the information retrieval apparatus and searching the limited portion of the remote data base to acquire image information corresponding to a number of images based on the obtained image from the imaging means;  
receiving said acquired image information; and  
checking a match between said received image and said obtained image.

10. (Twice amended) An information retrieval method for retrieving information by an information retrieval apparatus from a remote data base, said remote data base comprising image information for a plurality of images, and at least corresponding location data, comprising the steps of:

detecting a current position location of said information retrieval apparatus;  
obtaining an image at the current position location of the information retrieval apparatus;

transmitting said detected current position location to the remote data base;

determining a limited portion of the remote data base based on the current

position location of the information retrieval apparatus and searching the limited portion

of the remote data base to acquire image information corresponding to a number of

images based on the obtained image;

receiving said acquired image information; and

displaying a matching image after performance of a matching process using said

obtained image.